

# Meet Some of our **Newest Friends!**

**M**ack and I want to introduce you to a couple of our newest friends from around the world. They're going to tell us a little about themselves and where they're from so you can be friends too!

My new friends help me remember to pray for people all around the world that are waiting to have the Bible in their own language. And they also remind me that God loves us all so much, and he wants us to know that — no matter where we live or what language we speak.

After you meet my friends, you can pray for the people in their communities to learn about Jesus. And you can even go and learn more about them yourself, by looking things up online (with the help of your parents or another adult, of course). This world is a big place, and there's so many people we can meet!


**Are you  
ready?  
Let's go!**



# Zala

**Language:**  
Kistane

**Country:**  
Ethiopia



Hello! My name is Zala,  
and I speak Kistane.  
That's a language  
in Ethiopia!

**T**here are almost 90 languages spoken in my country, and nearly half of them are still waiting for God's Word. But guess what? Translation work is happening for my community!

A translation team is working on the New Testament. That's often where people start, because we get to meet Jesus in the New Testament! We learn about his life and his time on earth, and most importantly, we learn about how he died on the cross for our sins. He loved us that much! And when people are able to read those stories in their own language, they get to really experience Jesus' love in amazing ways.


## Ways to Pray

- Pray for the translation team as they work on the New Testament. It's a lot of hard work, but it's worth it.
- Pray for the Kistane people to be excited about having God's Word in their own language.

# Matias

**Language:**  
Wanca  
Quechua

**Country:**  
Peru



Hi, kids! I'm Matias, and I live in Peru. That's a country in South America, and there are almost 100 languages spoken here.

**A**nd guess what? My language — Wanca Quechua — has the entire New Testament! We celebrated it in 2007, and now a translation team is working on the Old Testament too. Then we'll have the whole Bible in our language!

I love reading the New Testament in my own language. It helps me understand what God is saying a lot better than when I read it in Spanish. I grew up speaking Wanca Quechua since I was a baby, so it's the language that makes the most sense to me. When I read about how much God loves me, I really understand it!

## Ways to Pray

- Pray that the Wanca Quechua people would read the New Testament in their own language.
- Pray for the translation team as they work on the Old Testament in Wanca Quechua.

# Aashi

**Language:**  
Indian Sign  
Language

**Country:**  
India



Hi, my name is Aashi! I live in India, one of 49 countries in Asia. There are almost 450 languages spoken in India, and more than half of them don't have the Bible. One of those languages is Indian Sign Language.

**M**y parents are both Deaf, so they learned Indian Sign Language when they were young. They also taught it to me and my brother, so we use it in our home when we communicate with them. There are approximately 400 sign languages used around the world, and they're all still waiting for the Bible. I'm praying that translation work starts in Indian Sign Language so that my parents — and anyone else who uses this beautiful language — can understand how much God loves them!

## Ways to Pray

- Pray for translation work to start in Indian Sign Language!
- Pray for all the sign language communities around the world, that they would get God's Word in the way that speaks directly to their hearts.

# Finn

**Language:**  
Swabian

**Country:**  
Germany



I'm Finn! I live in Germany, and I speak Swabian. And guess what? We have the entire Bible in my language!

**Y**ou might think that most languages in Europe would have the Bible already, and while many do, there are still languages that are waiting. The complete Swabian Bible was finished in 2009, when I was only a small boy. I'm really thankful that I get to grow up with God's Word in my own language.

Now everyone who speaks Swabian can learn about God in a way that makes so much sense! When I read the Bible, it's like God is speaking directly to me. And that's really cool. I want to grow up to be a missionary so that more and more people can hear the good news in their own language, just like I can!

## Ways to Pray

- Pray that the Swabian people would read the Bible in their own language and understand how much God loves them.
- Pray that they'd want to help other communities get the Bible, too.

# Keoni

**Language:**  
Maii

**Country:**  
Vanuatu



Hello! My name is Keoni. I live in Vanuatu, an island country in the Pacific Ocean. If you look at the world map, it's to the right of Australia. Vanuatu is made up of 13 big islands and around 70 smaller islands!

**I** speak Maii, one of 115 languages spoken in Vanuatu. Almost half of those languages don't have any part of the Bible yet, and Maii is one of them.

The cool thing is that many people in Vanuatu already know about Jesus and love him! But we all need God's Word so that we can understand him in our language. That's the language you think in, dream in and pray to God in.

The day my community gets the Bible in Maii will be the happiest day of our lives! Finally, we'll be able to read what God says to us — in our very own language!

## Ways to Pray

- Pray that the Bible would be translated into Maii (and the many other languages in Vanuatu) soon!
- Pray that people would understand how much God loves them, even as they wait for the Bible in their own language.